

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action of August 20, 2008 in which claims 1-21 were rejected.

The office action rejects claims 1 -- 21 under 35 USC §102 as allegedly being anticipated by Brooking et al. The office action relies upon paragraphs [0045], [0046], and [0098] of Brooking et al. for allegedly disclosing transmitting from the wireless terminal a first set of user identification parameters to the server over a first communication path, transmitting from the wireless terminal a second set of user identification parameters to the server over a second communication path, and obtaining access at the wireless terminal over the second communication path to the service in dependence on an authentication based on a match between the first set of user identification parameters and the second set of user identification parameters. Applicant respectfully submits that this disclosure in Brooking et al. neither describes nor suggests the novel combinations of features recited in independent claim 1, independent claim 13 and dependent claims 2 -- 12 and 14 -- 21.

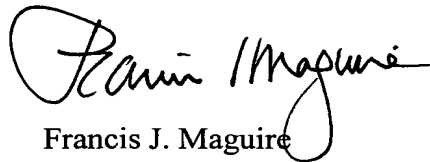
Brooking et al. paragraph [0045] discloses a private network 202 operable to assign a single user identifier to a first mobile station identifier corresponding to a first mobile station, and then assign the same user identifier to a second mobile station identifier corresponding to a second mobile station. As further disclosed at paragraph [0047] of Brooking et al., a user can receive messages directed to his or her user identifier at any suitable mobile station without requiring the sender to have knowledge of the mobile station identifier for the mobile station at which the user prefers to receive messages. Therefore, Brooking et al. neither discloses nor suggests transmitting first and second sets of user identification parameters. Nor does Brooking et al. disclose authentication based on a match between first and second sets of user identification parameters.

Brooking et al. in fact actually teaches away from the claimed features of transmitting first and second sets of user identification parameters over first and second communication paths, and performing an authentication based on a match between the first and second sets of user identification parameters. As disclosed in paragraph [0006] of Brooking et al., a single user identifier for a user may be assigned to multiple mobile station identifiers such that the user may receive messages directed to his or her user identifier at any suitable mobile station with the sender only needing to remember a single user identifier.

The rejection under 35 USC §102 should be withdrawn because Brooking et al. does not disclose or suggest each feature of independent claims 1 and 13. Furthermore, dependent claims 2 -- 12 and 14 -- 21 are allowable at least because of their dependence on independent claims 1 and 13.

The passage of claims 1-21 to issue is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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